

76. (New) A method of processing dates in a database, comprising the steps of

providing a database with dates stored therein according to a format wherein

M₁ M₂ is the numerical month designator, D₁ D₂ is the numerical day

designator, and Y₁ Y₂ is the numerical year designator;

5 selecting a window with a Y_A Y_B value for a pivot date of the window, Y_A Y_B

being no later than the earliest Y₁ Y₂ year designator in the database;

determining a century designator C₁ C₂ for each date in the database, C₁ C₂

having a first value if Y₁ Y₂ is less than Y_A Y_B and having a second value if Y₁

Y₂ is equal to or greater than Y_A Y_B;

10 reformatting the symbolic representation of each symbolic representation of a

date in the database, without the addition of any new data field to the database,

with the reformatted symbolic representation of each date in the database

having the values C₁ C₂, Y₁ Y₂, M₁ M₂, and D₁ D₂, in order to facilitate further

processing of the reformatted symbolic representations of each of the symbolic

15 representations of each of the dates; and

sorting the dates in the form C₁ C₂ Y₁ Y₂ M₁ M₂ D₁ D₂.

Remarks

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The above amendment, pursuant to the requirements of the Decision and 37 C.F.R. § 1.565(d), places the claims added to the Reissue Application and previously amended in the prosecution of the Reissue application as well as amendments to the Specification in the files for the above referenced

25 Reexamination Proceedings.

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